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Executive Order

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Mr. McGeorge Bundy  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bundy:

In the past several months, the United States Intelligence Board has reported to you the results of two investigations conducted on the unauthorized disclosure of classified intelligence.

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In addition to the above, there have been, of recent date, several articles appearing in the public press which appeared to be unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence. Several departments were concerned and were considering initiating

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investigative action. These articles, however, upon coordinated analysis appeared to have been derived from information already available to the public press and it was determined that they did not constitute unauthorized disclosures. In these instances, an unnecessary investigation was avoided which would have served no useful purpose.

In view of the considerable effort involved in any investigation, it is necessary that a coordinated evaluation be made by the interested departments and agencies on the basis of available facts. In any instance where it appears that a possible unauthorized disclosure of classified intelligence information has occurred, a request should be made to the United States Intelligence Board for two basic determinations as follows.

- (a) Whether or not the disclosure of classified information is serious enough to endanger the national interest.
- (b) Whether or not an investigation by the interested departments and agencies may be productive or warranted.

I feel that this procedure will prove to be beneficial and will permit all concerned to concentrate their investigative efforts on those matters that are serious and warrant such concern. If you have any questions concerning the above I would be pleased to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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